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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**EX PARTE NOTICE**

*Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket 96-45; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337; Lifeline and Link-Up, WC Docket No. 03-109; Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 07-135.*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 7, 2011, Peter Copeland (CenturyLink); Randy Brockman (Frontier); Jennie Chandra and Bill Kreutz (Windstream); and Mark Guttman (CostQuest) spoke via telephone with Amy Bender, Steven Rosenberg, Michael Byrne, Kevin King, Joseph Cavender, Rodger Woock, Kenneth Lynch, Theodore Burmeister, Trent Harkrader, and Katie King (all of the Federal Communications Commission). We discussed immediate adoption of reforms that would redistribute ongoing support within price cap carriers' areas based on cost conditions in individual wire centers, rather than costs averaged across study areas or entire states. We also explained how a regression analysis could enable prompt identification of the relative costs to serve price cap carriers' individual wire centers. This discussion was consistent with the companies' prior advocacy in the dockets listed above.<sup>1</sup>

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this notice is being filed in the above-referenced dockets. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S Lanning

cc: Amy Bender, Steven Rosenberg, Michael Byrne, Kevin King, Joseph Cavender, Rodger Woock, Kenneth Lynch, Theodore Burmeister, Trent Harkrader, Katie King

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., Reply Comments of Frontier Communications Corporation, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109; GN Docket No. 09-51; CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45 (May 23, 2011) at 10-11; Comments of Windstream Communications, Inc., WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109; GN Docket No. 09-51; CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45 (Apr. 18, 2011) at 8-11.